

1 valuable contribution in the overall recommendation
2 of the committee.

3 I think perhaps that is particularly true
4 with populous areas where there are a great number of law-
5 yers and contrary to the situation that might exist in
6 sparsely settled areas, few of the voters may have personal
7 knowledge of the incumbent.

8 Again, may I say that I feel that some obliga-
9 tion evolves upon the bar, the members of the bar, as offi-
10 cers of the court, to give the voters there who are interested
11 their view as to the talent and talents, or lack of talent
12 of the incumbent judge.

13 I might further suggest that in my humble
14 opinion, should the result of such a poll be the figures
15 suggested by Delegate Bennett, with 52 favoring and 48
16 percent not favoring the incumbent judge, I would guess
17 that that judge would not be returned, if the overall
18 objective of this plan of ours is to obtain the best;
19 and if I am correct in that view, I feel there is a useful
20 purpose to be served by the poll. I would resist any
21 effort to make it permissive, because I feel if it were